



Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JULY 5, 2005

SOIL MOISTURE SHORT

Last week's thunderstorms were welcomed by farmers across the state, however **soil moisture** is still very low. **Corn** growth and silking is approximately 12 percent behind the 5-year average. Despite crop woes, **hay** harvest around the state is ahead of schedule in comparison to last years numbers. There were **5.7 days suitable for field work**.

Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. Precipitation has caused a delay in the harvest of **winter wheat**. Only 40 percent of the **winter wheat** crop has been harvested thus far compared to the 80 percent harvested by this time last year. **Barley** was rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 73 percent good, and 14 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 69 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 12 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 6 percent very short, 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Barley	87	77	93	86
Cucumbers	10	2	18	24
Green Peas	99	79	98	92
Potatoes	10	-	8	12
Snap Beans	8	-	28	22
Strawberries	98	93	100	99
Sweet Corn	5	-	9	7
Wheat	40	26	80	52
Crop Progress:				
Corn Silked	5	-	40	17
Soybeans Emerged	83	75	95	81
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd Cutting	69	33	55	50
Other Hay 2 nd Cutting	49	12	46	33

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	16	47	36	1
Topsoil (2004)	9	24	64	3
Five Year Average	7	19	64	10
Subsoil Moisture	8	41	51	-
Subsoil (2004)	5	22	70	4
Five Year Average	7	19	66	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 3, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.35	20.75	0.36	90	63	79	4
Easton	0.15	24.92	2.63	91	68	79	4
Frederick	1.11	17.84	-2.47	92	62	79	8
Frostburg	1.04	20.82	-3.3	89	56	72	7
Hagerstown	0.00	13.66	-6.00	91	59	79	6
Mechanicsville	0.86	22.32	-0.48	91	65	76	2
Patuxent River	1.39	19.70	-0.92	86	68	78	5
Ocean City	3.04	24.34	2.13	82	66	74	0
Salisbury	2.70	25.67	3.57	91	65	76	2
Sharpsburg	0.03	15.97	-4.34	93	56	78	7
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	1.28	21.40	2.70	94	68	81	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.75	25.21	3.37	88	66	77	2
Georgetown	1.62	22.09	0.46	89	65	77	3
Wilmington	0.91	19.46	-1.08	87	62	77	3

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